

Greenseams — Milwaukee's Flood-Storage Land Protection Programme (USA)

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2001 MMSD has paid willing landowners for wetlands and floodplain with water-absorbing soils; ~6,100 acres are protected, estimated to hold ~3.3 billion gallons of floodwater. Storage is modelled, not metered.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District \(MMSD\) with The Conservation Fund](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[The Conservation Fund — Greenseams Milwaukee](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Nicholas Institute — Greenseams case study](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Spectrum News — MMSD and Greenseams](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

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